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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

September 23, 2019

Ms. Emily Crose
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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request
FOIA Control No.: 19-FI-HQ-02010

Dear Ms. Crose:

This letter is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated and received on September 19, 2019. You asked for a copy of any internal communications between Department of Housing and Urban Development employees up to and including the director which include the words "transgender" and/or "transsexual" and/or "transgenders" and/or "trannies." Including, any electronic messaging, policy development documentation, legal communications, between other government agencies, and handwritten notes.

Please be advised that HUD will comply with your request to the extent permissible by law. Any records not subject to an exemption will be forwarded to you promptly upon completion of the Department's search and review process. However, your request is too broad and vague to be processed. Asking for copies of internal communications between employees up to and including the director doesn't provide a narrow enough scope. The Department performs electronic searches by custodial names, has many employees at HUD, and you haven't provided any HUD employee names in which to utilize for a search. Also, you initially state, "internal communications" and then later state "communications between other US government agencies." You need to specify whose records you want, or, if you truly only want internal records.

Please clarify your request within 15 business days from the date of this letter. If I do not hear from you within that time, your request will be withdrawn. Please be advised that such an action will not preclude you from filing other requests in the future. If you wish to clarify your request, please email your clarification to eugene.a.mcgirt@hud.gov or submit it to the following address:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of the Executive Secretariat, FOIA Branch
451 Seventh Street, SW, Room 10139
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Attention: Eugene McGirt
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Thank you for your interest in the Department's programs and policies.

Sincerely,

Eugene McGirt

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